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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: Trip to New York and Connecticut to Contact Colonel SOVA
and Professor BRAZALEVIS

1. The purpose of the visit to Colonel SOVA in New Britain, on 11 February 1954, was to look into the matter of the letter from JACK (please refer to attachments). This visit was arranged through the [] []. A member of the [] [] accompanied me to New Britain.

2. SOVA admitted that the Canadian address to which JACK had written had been on a list of mail drop addresses which SOVA had shown JACK; however, SOVA avowed that he thought JACK had not taken the address involved. It was further avowed that the return name and address used by JACK are not the name and address of the Canadian's relative in Mariaville, and that the Canadian received the letter some time ago, but not realizing it was for SOVA did not send it to him until recently.

3. SOVA said he would write to his Canadian cousin immediately to insure that all future letters (if any) are forwarded to him promptly and that the envelope in which the letter from JACK was received is also sent to him. SOVA will also tell the Canadian not to reply to the letter.

4. I asked SOVA whether the letter from JACK had any significance to him. SOVA said that, of course, he had no code with JACK but that he could glean the following meaning from the overt text:

- a. JACK was free on 22 June 1953.
- b. JACK was involved in December 1952 in some sort of liquidation action carried out by the Soviets in which he suffered some sort of a great loss.
- c. JACK has lost contact with the Americans.
- d. JACK is looking to the Americans for assistance.

5. SOVA further said that since JACK used the ROKAS address, he may also use the GRIGALIUNAS address in New Zealand which was on the same list as the ROKAS address (our records show the GRIGALIUNAS address as having been issued to SINKA.) I requested SOVA to write to GRIGALIUNAS and insure that any letters received to date or to be received in the future are promptly forwarded to SOVA.

6. SOVA will maintain contact with me concerning the above matters through the [] [].

7. The meeting with Professor J. BRAZALEVIS on 12 February 1954, was

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held for the purpose of exploring the possibility of using his organization—the Lithuanian Front—for recruitment purposes (penetration operations into Lithuania). During the three and one-half hour luncheon with BRAZAITIS at the Statler Hotel, BRAZAITIS discussed his organization's composition (young, active splinters from the Christian Democratic party, and members of resistance movements during the First Soviet and the Germany occupations); its program (fostering strong patriotism in its members, keeping them physically and mentally alert, and participating in anti-Soviet political and propaganda activities—especially in Germany, France, Spain and Italy); and his personal ambitions (establishment of a strong, active VLIK, injecting personal loyalty into Lithuanian emigre politics, and contributing in some way to maintenance of a spirit of resistance by Lithuanians in the West and in Lithuania as well). BRAZAITIS while admitting that his organization was comparatively new, claimed it was very zealous, ambitious, and its members dedicated to their ideology. (This fact is known to be true from other sources.)

8. It was not too difficult to elicit from BRAZAITIS the information in which I was primarily interested, i.e., whether the Lithuanian Front was a suitable recruiting ground for penetration agents (even though the question could not, at this stage, be asked directly). In this connection, BRAZAITIS said that his organization has many young people so completely devoted to their anti-communist and pro-independent Lithuanian principles that they "would be willing to do anything and go anywhere" (by underscoring). BRAZAITIS further said it was always his feeling that an organization like this is now a resistance organization and that it really makes a strong contribution to the freedom and to the anti-Communist struggle; unless they actually maintain contact with the homeland. However, BRAZAITIS fully admitted, this organization does not have the money nor the technical means to maintain this contact. Quite a while ago, BRAZAITIS continued, the British approached him with an offer to participate in this work, but BRAZAITIS refused. He said he believes the British were interested in his organization only for their own selfish interests—they really weren't concerned about Lithuania as the Americans were.

(Note: This approach was probably made just prior to establishment of LRS by British.)

9. In summation, it is felt that:

- a. BRAZAITIS' group does offer good possibilities for recruitment of agents.
- b. BRAZAITIS would, obviously, want something for himself out of any deal on assistance he gives us. He'd probably want to be appointed, in a general way, as the chief of all the agents and see to it, if not all, of the traitors. (What his desires are, of course, not objectionable if we could be sure that BRAZAITIS would keep the information to himself. (He is apt to be secure, since his past history in the Lithuanian political and resistance picture shows him to be so.)

~ 10. This facet of the discussion with BRAZAITIS ended with the note that I was interested in further discussing the Lithuanian political and

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and Lithuanian friends and the Lithuanian Agent's role in it. I suggested
that BRAZATTI visit me in Washington within a few weeks. He agreed.
We will maintain contact by mail.

11. BRAZATTI then told me that a short time ago he received a
letter from the Lithuanian Minister in Toronto, Canada, MAREK OJALA.
This letter indicated that two Lithuanian friends of GILYS had seen
TILESTONE in Toronto the latter part of December 1953! BRAZATTI admits
this is a fantastic report, but says the witnesses are positive of
their identification. The report said that at first TILESTONE did not
want his identity and that he appeared frightened at being discovered.
He eventually did want to being TILESTONE, however. No further details
are available, but I'm mailing money to BRAZATTI so that he can go to
Toronto to get more detailed information from GILYS and the two persons
who saw TILESTONE, as well as to try to locate TILESTONE. (NOTE: Per-
haps there's a connection between the TILESTONE incident and the
"GRIMESVIGIES" whom C [] exfiltrated from Poland recently?)

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